

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, June 7, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (16/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives LaJoy, Moore, Hunter. (3/19)

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 31, 2006, supported by Representative Dillon. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5895 before the Committee.

HB 5895 Hoogendyk Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5895:

Jim Murray and Craig Anderson, representing AT&T, in support

Colleen McNamara and Mike Ashton, representing the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association, in opposition

Rick Cimmerman, representing the National Cable Telecommunication Association, in opposition

Senator Brandt Herschman, representing the Indiana Senate 7th District

Rev. James L. Demus III, representing the Ministering Alliance Against the Digital Divide, in support

At this time, Representative Drolet made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Accavitti. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The following individuals then spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5895:

Karole White, representing the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, in support

Jennifer Tebedo, representing the Frankenmuth Chamber and Visitors Bureau, in support

The following individuals submitted cards for HB 5895 but were unable to speak to the Committee due to time constraints:

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, in opposition

Scott Stevenson, representing the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, in support

Randi Holthouse, representing Spring Arbor Township, in opposition
Kathy Sherman, representing the National Association of Communication Officers and Advisors, in opposition
Jim Beelen, representing Allendale Township and the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors, in opposition
Bart Hawley, representing JTV, in support
Mark Monk, representing the Michigan Chapter of the Alliance for Community Media, in opposition
Harry S. Haasch, representing the Central States Alliance for Community Media, in opposition

The following individuals submitted cards for HB 5895:

Joan Aalfs, in support
James Barrie, in support
Marty Bell, representing AT&T, in support
Sara Bode, representing Kim Clark for Congress Campaign, in support
Michael Branch, in support
Bernadette Burne, in support
Brenda Caddell, representing AT&T, in support
Ed Cain, representing AT&T, in support
William Campbell, representing The Senior Alliance, in support
Ed Cook, representing AT&T, in support
Gary L. Cramer, representing Kalamazoo Township, in opposition
Paula Crawford, representing AT&T, in support
Marcus Dias, in support
Nancy Dodson, in support
John Doherty, in support
Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League, in opposition
David Fritz, representing AT&T, in support
Robert Gwizdala, in support
Thomas Haggadonein, in support
David Heinen, representing AT&T, in support
Amy Hoerauf, in support
Yusha Humphries, representing AT&T, in support
Henry Ivory, representing AT&T, in support
Sherri Kessel, in support
John Kopacka, representing AT&T, in support
Bill LaVoy, representing Monroe Public Access, in opposition
Catrina Lewis, in support
Brenda Luczyn-Brooks, representing AT&T, in support
Lynn Meikle, representing HOM-TV, Meridian Township, in opposition
Edie Minks, representing the Berrien County Democratic Party, neutral on the bill

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Chris O'Brien, in support
Ron Orlando, representing Comcast, in opposition
Dennis Powell, in support
Paul Prebay, in support
David Ramsey, representing AT&T, in support
Michael Reckley, in support
Marletta Seats, Berrien County Commissioner, in support
Kathleen Soja, in support
Rick Spiece, in support
Sue Spiece, representing herself, in support
Jean Steger, in support
Stan Stosiak, in support
Michael TenHarmsel, in support
Benjamin Unruh, representing AT&T, in support
Rocal Van Hooset, in support
Lori Ventrella, representing AT&T, in support
Judith Wallace, in support
Jayme Whitfield, in support
Tom Washington, representing AT&T, in support
Frank Weathers, in support
Clyde Weir, in support
Pat Weir, representing AT&T, in support
Mark White, in opposition
Coley Williams, representing AT&T, in support
Michael Wilson, in support
David Wing, in support
James Wolski, representing AT&T, in support
Vincent Zerilli, in support
Dan Zetterlund, in support
Joseph Zieziul, in support

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:16 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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